

A Look Around Lakota: Back-to-School E-News Edition

August 3, 2018



Welcome back, Lakota!

Please enjoy this special back-to-school edition of our bi-weekly district e-newsletter
and watch for our first regular edition on Friday, Aug. 24.



2018-19 Back-to-School Essentials

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 16, Lakota teachers and support staff will welcome new and returning students for the start of the 2018-19 school year. Here is some important information to keep in mind as you and your family gear up for the new school year. From school supplies to bus routes to teacher assignments, we answer all your questions in this [back-to-school FAQ](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the first day of school?

- Thursday, August 16 – Grades 1-12
- August 16, 17 & 20 - Kindergarten phase-in days (varies by building; families will be notified)

When is my child's open house or orientation?

Open Houses for grades K-6 are as follows:

- **Kindergarten** - Phase-in days, Aug. 16, 17 & 20 (varies by building; families will be notified)
- **Early Childhood Schools** (Grades 1-2) - Tuesday, Aug. 14, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- **Elementary Schools** (Grades 3-6) - Tuesday, Aug. 14, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Students in grades 7-12 can pick up their class schedules according to the following schedule:

- **Hopewell Junior School** - Wednesday, Aug. 8, 4-6 p.m. & Thursday, Aug. 9, 9 - 11 a.m.; New student orientation: Wednesday, Aug. 8, 9-11 a.m.
- **Liberty Junior School** - Thursday, Aug. 9, noon - 4 p.m. (7th grade); Friday, Aug. 10, noon - 4 p.m. (8th grade)
- **Ridge Junior School** - Thursday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Plains Junior School** - Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1-4 p.m. (8th grade); Wednesday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m. - noon (7th grade)

High school schedules will be available in Home Access Center according to the HAC restoration schedule detailed below. Both high schools will host orientations for freshmen, sophomores and other new students according to the following schedule:

- **Lakota East Freshman School** - Tuesday, Aug. 7; presentations at 6 p.m. (last names A-K) and 7:30 p.m. (last names L-Z); schedules available at 5:30 and 6:45 p.m., respectively
- **Lakota East High School** - Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 5:30 p.m. (last names A-F), 6:30 p.m. (last names G-N) and 7:30 p.m. (last names O-Z) (sophomores)

- **Lakota West Freshman School** - Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
- **Lakota West High School** - Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. (sophomores & new students)

What school will my child attend?

Use Lakota's [interactive attendance zone map](#) to enter your address and view a listing of all the Lakota schools associated with your current attendance zone. A building realignment and grade level reconfiguration was necessary to offer all-day kindergarten without the lottery system this year. [Learn more about the reason behind these changes for the 2018-19 school year.](#)

What are my school's hours?

To complement the reconfiguration of grade levels and expansion of specials, earlier this year we announced [new start and end times for our preschool through junior high students](#). We are extending the school day for our preschool through sixth grade students by 20 minutes. At Lakota's junior high schools, students will be in session 15 additional minutes each day. [Click here to view a complete list of arrival and dismissal times for each Lakota school building.](#)

Does my student receive bus services?

Lakota provides transportation to all students in kindergarten through second grade. Eligible students in grades 3-6 who live more than one mile from their school will receive transportation. Eligible students in grades 7-8 will receive busing if they live more than two miles from their school. Lakota does not provide busing at the high school level. [Click here to check transportation eligibility by address.](#) Please visit Lakota's [Transportation page](#) for more information.

Every year, Lakota's transportation department reviews the district's bus routes for possible efficiencies and opportunities to maximize services and shrink our standard exclusion zones, always working within our financial boundaries. If a student isn't eligible but will be receiving services this year, they will be contacted by Lakota's transportation department.

[Click here for answers to more back-to-school questions, including:](#)

How do I communicate my child's transportation arrangements?

How do I look up my student's bus route and teacher assignment?

What is Home Access Center and how do I access it?

I'm new to Lakota. How do I enroll my student?

How do I update my home address?

How can I update my preferences for receiving mass communications from Lakota?

I received a text message from Lakota about opting into text alerts. Why am I receiving this?

How do I check my school's calendar?

What's for breakfast and lunch?

How do I find my student's school supply list?

How do I pay my student fees?

How else can I stay connected to Lakota all year long?



Increased School Resource Officer Presence, New Visitor Management System Latest in Safety-Security Initiatives

Lakota Schools has announced several new safety and security initiatives since the spring. Most recently, the district has committed to hiring [eight additional school resource officers](#) (SRO) for the upcoming school year, bringing the total number to 18. This will allow full-time law enforcement coverage at every Lakota school campus.

“We appreciate our partnerships with the West Chester Police Department and Butler County Sheriff’s Office,” said Lakota Superintendent Matthew Miller. “Increasing the number of school resource officers is another layer in our safety and security protocols.”

The decision comes on the heels of other recently announced safety initiatives. Earlier this year, the district announced new tools such as the [SaferSchools Ohio anonymous tip line](#) and Raptor, the new visitor management system that will begin in the fall.

The district encourages parents and community members to visit its schools. All visitors will be asked to participate in an onsite background check through Raptor Technologies. A scan of a driver’s license or state issued ID initiates the check at the time of the first visit to the building. If volunteers will be working with individual or small groups of students, a more in-depth background check will be performed.

Beginning Aug. 10, a link will be posted from the [volunteer page](#) of lakotaonline.com. Volunteers are asked to complete the online application for a fee of \$15. Once approved the results will be valid for three years.

Any volunteer who was fingerprinted through the BCI/FBI program between July 1, 2017 - July 1, 2018 will be automatically approved by Raptor for an additional three years.

All volunteer coaches must still be fingerprinted through Lakota’s human resources department.

Safety and security in Lakota also includes the mental health of our students. Plans to launch Hope Squads at Lakota’s four junior schools have already begun. Furthermore, following last year’s pilot at Lakota West, access to mental health services will expand to Lakota East and all four junior schools through the district’s partnership with [MindPeace](#). As the program progresses, additional buildings will be added. Other efforts, which have not been announced publicly for security reasons, are being reviewed and implemented as well.

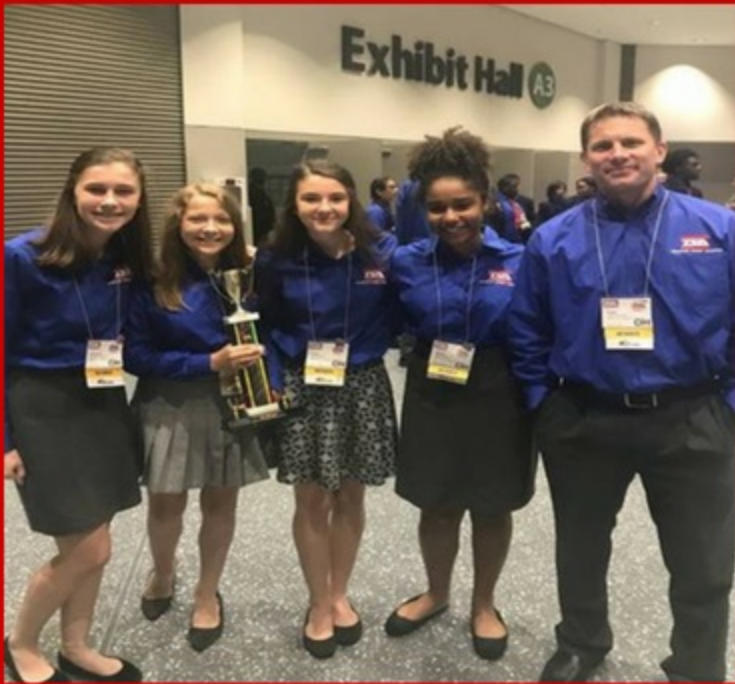
Lakota’s new safety initiatives build upon the strong foundation already in place, including but not limited to:

- A range of safety drills required by law and by the Ohio Department of Education;
- Active shooter training (ALICE) for all students and staff;
- Strict and consistent protocols for welcoming visitors and guests into Lakota buildings;
- Unannounced drug searches in partnership with the Butler County Sheriff’s Office;
- Proactive anti-bullying programs like Be the Difference, the ID Project and the Fuse Project;
- A district-wide focus on the E+R=O model (event + your response = affects the outcome), which encourages students and staff to press pause and consider the consequences of their reactions; and

- Regular administrator training, including simulations, on emergency and crisis management in partnership with local law enforcement.

More information about these safety and security programs is available on the [Safety and Security page of Lakota's website](#).

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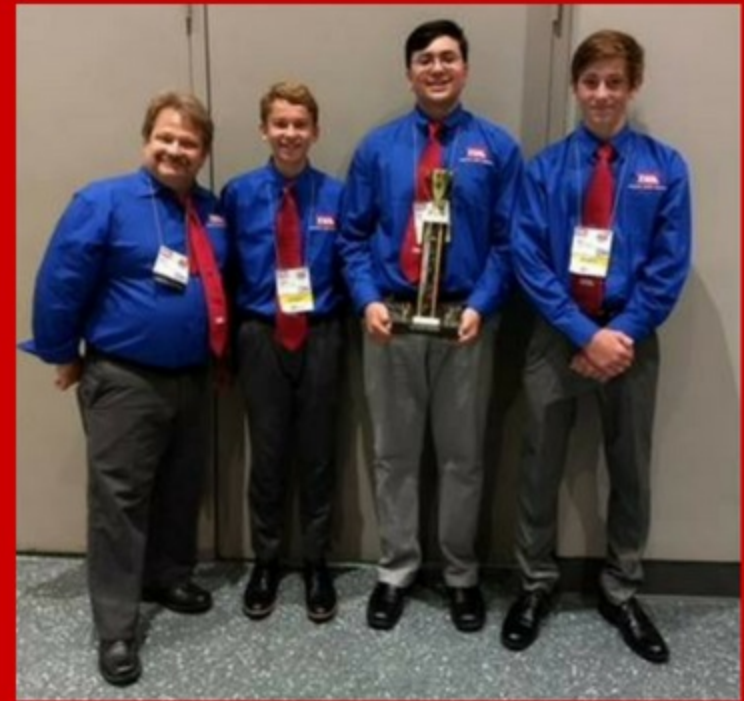
Above: Hopewell Junior students at TSA Nationals

Bottom left: East's Huddilston is Music Educator Quarterfinalist

Bottom right: Kaur elected to national role



Below: Liberty Junior students named TSA National Champs



West's Amitoj Kaur Elected to National Post

Lakota West senior **Amitoj Kaur** has been elected the national vice president of membership for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, a Career Tech student led organization.

Students Earn National TSA Honors

Liberty Junior

Will Tenoever, Ilyas Malik, and Ryan Hartinger from Liberty Junior School were named champions in Systems Control Technology by the Technology Student Association. The students traveled to the national competition in Atlanta, along with their Butler Tech teacher, **Brian Ruby**.

Hopewell Junior

Courtney Henson, Lucy Laude, Sarah Opoku and Wendi Reffner from Hopewell Junior claimed the second place title for the “Off the Grid” competition at the TSA nationals. The group was cheered on by their Butler Tech teacher **Todd Hummer**.

East Choir Director is Music Educator Quarterfinalist

Becky Huddilston, choir director at East, has been named one of 188 music teachers from 171 cities to be named as a quarterfinalist for the Music Educator Award presented by the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum. There were over 2,800 nominations submitted.

AROUND LAKOTA



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Lakota Partners with MindPeace to Increase Student Access to Mental Health Services

High School, Junior School Programs Coming this Fall

A new partnership between Lakota Local Schools and MindPeace will increase student access to high quality and affordable mental healthcare.

“The safety and well-being of our students is our top priority,” said Lakota Superintendent Matthew Miller. “Mental health plays a vital role in a student’s growth and success. It’s a serious concern that requires expert care and attention and we are grateful for the expertise of MindPeace and all their partners.”

MindPeace is a non-profit that serves as a catalyst for connecting its network of professional mental health providers with schools. Their model involves a needs assessment in each school, followed by a rigorous interview and selection process by a team represented by MindPeace and school administrators, teachers, support staff and parents.

Ultimately, a licensed therapist from the partner organization has an office at the school and is available for consultation during the school day and after school hours, as needed. Parents, teachers and school counselors can make student referrals for services. Students can also self-refer.

The in-school therapist will offer a more intensive level of service for students and families. Families can cover the cost of therapist visits through insurance, Medicaid or private pay options. The partnership is self-sustaining and does not require any financial investment by the school district.

“One in five young people ages 13 to 18 years have a current mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder, but fewer than one in eight actually receive treatment,” said Susan Shelton, executive director of MindPeace. “Our goal is to educate student advocates to recognize the early signs of distress and remove any barriers to treatment.”

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At West, where Cincinnati Children’s is serving as the licensed partner, the results after just six months of service speak for themselves. After eight sessions, the rubric scores for depression and anxiety among the most severe student cases were cut in half.

“We still have more work to do when it comes to educating our parents, staff and students about the referral process,” said Lakota West Principal Elgin Card. “But we’re seeing positive results from the students we’ve been able to help so far and that’s what it’s all about.”

To date, both Lakota East High School and Ridge Junior School have selected Cincinnati’s Children’s as their partners. Liberty Junior will be working with Solutions Counseling, and Plains Junior has selected Catalyst Counseling. Hopewell Junior’s team is in the process of

selecting its partner. Parents and staff can expect to hear more details from their school principal as as new partnerships are solidified in the future.



NEW:
**Inside
Lakota
Learning
Blog**

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Lakota Learning Blog: An Educator, Mentor, Teammate From Day 1

Mrs. Dunn loves you. Mrs. Dunn's room is safe. Mrs. Dunn believes in you.

This is just a sampling of the sentiments Lakota West language arts teacher **Bethany Dunn** wants her students to walk away with after their first couple days in her class. It stands in stark contrast to how she viewed the start to a new school year when she first started her career 13 years ago.

In light of Superintendent Matthew Miller's request that staff spend the first two days of school setting the tone for the year rather than jumping into the curriculum, Dunn takes the wheel this month on Lakota's "Inside Lakota Learning" blog. Through an inspiring post about what it means to build meaningful relationships and break through to her students, Dunn reflects on her own student experience - and now her own parent experience - and asks her readers to do the same.

Rooted in Dunn's message is an important lesson that can be applied to any profession or relationship. She emphasizes the critical role she fills as an educator, a mentor and a friend from day one.

Lakota educators are the voice behind the all-new "Inside Lakota Learning" blog. Contributing authors are bridging the gap between how learning strategies in the classroom can be reinforced at home.

[Click here to read Bethany Dunn's newest post and to subscribe to alerts for future posts.](#)



Lakota West Earns National Athletic Trainers' Association Safe Sports Award

Lakota West High School's athletic program was recently named the recipient of the First Team National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Safe Sports School award. The award champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that provide safe environments for student-athletes. The award reinforces the importance of providing the best level of care, injury prevention and treatment.

"Lakota West High School is honored to receive this recognition from NATA, and we remain committed to keeping our student-athletes safe during physical education classes, team practices and games so they can accomplish their own goals of competition, fair sportsmanship and good health," said Firebirds Athletic Director Scott Kaufman. "Our goal is to lead our athletics program to the highest safety standards for our players."

West Athletics was one of about 950 programs nationally to receive the award. West was among the smaller group to be awarded the first team designation, a status reserved for those programs that have acted on all recommended and required elements of the Safe Sports School checklist.

Those standards include providing pre-participation physical examinations, promoting safety and appropriate practice and competition facilities, developing injury and illness prevention strategies, providing a permanent, appropriately equipped area to evaluate and treat injured athletes, and more.

Funding for this award was provided by the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association.



Deputy Doug Hale (right) received the Deputy of the Year Award from Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones (left). Deputy Jones has been a Lakota Resource Officer for 24 years.

Lakota Resource Officer Doug Hale Named Deputy of the Year

Deputy **Doug Hale** was named Deputy of the Year by Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones on July 18. Hale was recognized for his years of service and outstanding performance.

Hale will begin his 24 year as a School Resource Officer at Lakota in August. In addition to his role at Lakota East High School, Hale serves on the district's school safety committee. He is also a supervisor and mentor to SROs throughout Butler County and a Southwest Regional SRO Representative.

Additionally, Hale is a founding member of the Ohio School Resource Officer Association and was named School Resource Officer of the Year by the organization in 2001.

"Deputy Hale is an integral part of our safety team," said Lakota Superintendent Matthew Miller. "His wealth of knowledge and experience is an asset to our district."

As the lead SRO at Lakota East High School, Deputy Hale is a key member of the team. "Deputy Hale excels at creating meaningful relationships with students, staff, parents and community members to foster a culture of respect and comfort," said Principal Suzanna Davis. "On behalf of the the team at Lakota East, we congratulate Doug on being named the Butler County Sheriff's Office Deputy of the Year!"



**Welcome to
Lakota**

Lakota Welcomes New Administrators

In preparation for the 2018-19 school year, Lakota is welcoming new administrators at six of its schools, as well as in two key district positions.

“It’s exciting to welcome such a strong group of new administrators to the district. While some are brand new to Lakota, others are returning home,” said Superintendent Matthew Miller. “I’m looking forward to seeing how our students will benefit from their leadership and the fresh ideas they will bring from their former positions and districts.”

Mrs. Emilee Joyner is returning to Lakota as the assistant principal at Creekside Early Childhood School. Joyner has spent the past five years teaching at Sycamore Community Schools.

Mrs. Jesse Slusher will join Cherokee Elementary as assistant principal, coming from Cincinnati Public Schools where she worked in the same role. Previously, Slusher was an ESL teacher at Lakota’s Endeavor Elementary School.

Ms. Julie Nichols is returning to her former role as assistant principal at Independence Elementary School. Nichols was an assistant principal in West Clermont last year.

Ms. Michele Plummer will be joining Union Elementary School as the new assistant principal. Plummer has been a teacher at various districts in the greater Cincinnati area, most recently spending four years at Winton Woods.

Ms. Tiffani Wills is the new assistant principal at Woodland Elementary School. Wills gained experience as an assistant principal at Cincinnati Public Schools after teaching in the district for four years.

Mr. James Stallings will join Lakota West High School as assistant principal. Stallings joins Lakota from Princeton City Schools, where he was a special education teacher.

Mr. Andrew Wheatley, a former teacher at Lakota, is returning to the district as a Director of Curriculum and Instruction. In this role, Wheatley will oversee curriculum and instruction in grades 7-12. He has spent the past four years as an instructional technology facilitator in Sycamore.

In addition to welcoming new administrators, the district has also seen movement among current administrative positions as a result of the building realignment announced earlier this year.

After serving as the principal at Wyandot Early Childhood School for seven years, **Ms. Mary Brophy** will now be the principal at the new Hopewell Early Childhood School.

Mrs. Liz Gruber will take on the principal role at Wyandot Early Childhood School. Gruber has been with Lakota Schools since 2005, most recently serving as the assistant principal at Woodland Elementary.

Mrs. Gina Sansone will move to Hopewell ECS as the assistant principal, after spending the last year at Union Elementary in the same role.

Mrs. Christina French will join the curriculum department as the director of curriculum and Instruction overseeing grades K-6. French was the principal at the former Hopewell Elementary School for six years.

Mrs. Jackie Cruse will join the Special Services department as the director of special services for grades 9-12. Cruse has spent the last four years as assistant principal at Lakota West.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Photo Contest

Share your best first day moments.
Tag Lakota for a chance to win!



#WEareLakota

Celebrate the New School Year with Our First Day Photo Contest

Our back-to-school photo contest is back by popular demand – and with a new twist.

Lakota staff, students and parents are invited to help celebrate a new school year, with our **#WEareLakota First Day Photo Contest**. And this year, you can use our new custom frame for your photos!

Participating is as easy as posting your first day photos to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using #WEareLakota and tagging Lakota's account.

The owners of the three photos with the most votes, or "likes," after a full week of school (Aug. 23 at noon) will receive a #WEareLakota t-shirt. Plus, we'll share the winning photos with the Lakota community through social media, Lakota Online and other district communications.

The new school year begins Thursday, August 16. So get ready to capture those special first day moments at the front stoop, at your bus stop, with your carpool group, or in your classroom.

It's a fun and easy way to celebrate our students', staff's and even parents' smiles on the first day of school.

It's Easy to Participate:

1. Whether you're a student, a parent or a staff member, determine what part of your first day you want to capture and share with others.
2. Post your photo to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #WEareLakota. Be sure to also tag the Lakota Facebook page ([@LakotaSchools](#)), Twitter account ([@LakotaDistrict](#)) or Instagram ([@lakota_district](#)).
3. Share it with your friends to rack up the most "likes," or votes.
4. The owners of the three posts getting the most likes on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram will receive a #WEareLakota t-shirt.
5. Search for #WEareLakota on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to see the full gallery of entries and cast your votes.

Here's to a great new school year - and lots of your photos to help document the first day back!



Every Lakota school will host a Student Fanfare to celebrate and encourage student achievement.

First Day Marks Return of Student Fanfare Events

Lakota's popular Student Fanfare events are back!

The concept is a simple one: Line the school's entrance and give students high-fives and words of encouragement as they are filing into school, providing students with a visual display of all their supporters during times like testing and the start of a new semester. The concept, derived from a first day of school tradition at Hopewell Junior School, brings community and school leaders together to send a message of support to Lakota students.

Every Lakota school will host a fanfare at some point throughout the school year. Here are the first couple scheduled for 2018-19.

August 16

Hopewell Junior School

7:10 a.m.

August 17

Adena Elementary

8 a.m.

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FEATURED PHOTOS



Learning spaces are being transformed throughout the district -- shown here is the cozy reading area in Mrs. Tammy Peters's classroom at Shawnee Early Childhood School.



READ

Stop and Notice
When you're reading and a character says or does something that's opposite (opposite) what he has been saying or doing all along.
You should ask yourself:
"Why is the character doing that?"
The answer could help you make a prediction or an inference about the plot and conflict.

Stop and Notice
When you're reading and suddenly a character realizes, understands, or finally figures something out.
You should stop and ask yourself:
"How might this change things?"
If the character figured out a question, you probably just learned about the conflict.
If the character understood a life lesson, you probably just learned the theme.

Stop and Notice
When you're reading and the character asks a really difficult question.
You should stop and ask yourself:
"What does this question make me wonder about?"
The answers will tell you about the conflict and might give you ideas about what will happen later in the story.

Stop and Notice
When you're reading and a character who's already learned a lesson makes the main character make and give a new lesson.
You should stop and ask yourself:
"What's the life lesson and how might it affect the character?"
Whatever the lesson is, your job is to find it there for the story.

Stop and Notice
When you're reading and you notice a word, phrase, shape, or sentence repeated over and over.
You should stop and ask yourself:
"Why does this keep repeating again and again?"
The answer will tell you about the plot and conflict or the main character's goal and what he's trying to do.

Stop and Notice
When you're reading and the author interrupts the action to tell you a memory.
You should stop and ask yourself:
"Why might the memory be important?"
The answer will tell you about the main conflict or major character's goal and what he's trying to do.

Mark is known for his sense of humor and SPEECH
COURAGE
Mark is known for his sense of humor and SPEECH

INTEGRITY
- BEING THE RIGHT THING, EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING

Today's classroom is nothing like that of the past. Wendy Meister's room at Freedom Elementary features lots of flexible seating options for students.



Lakota East used the summer to transform this locker bay into an innovative learning space for students. New spaces for independent and small group learning line Main Street, too.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements & Opportunities

Lakota Lifts Online Payment Convenience Fee, Student Fee Balances Coming Soon

Effective this year, Lakota has lifted the \$2 convenience fee previously required of any online payments for student fees or lunch accounts. The fee was always intended to defray the processing cost incurred by the credit card payment system, but will now be covered by the district. This makes the three-month student fee holiday, typically initiated at the beginning of each school year to encourage early payment, no longer necessary.

[Student fees for the 2018-19 school year](#) are now available. Parents or guardians have the option to pay student fees at the school office or via their [EZ Pay](#) account. Balances are typically available for early childhood and elementary students in mid-August and for junior high and high school students at the beginning of September.

"Here WE Go" Back-to-School Community Newsletter Now Available

Several times a year, Lakota produces a printed community newsletter to help parents and residents stay informed about important district-wide news and updates. The piece is mailed to every household and business in West Chester Township and Liberty Township for just 20 cents per piece.

The [2018 back-to-school edition of "A Look Around Lakota"](#) will arrive in mailboxes next week. If you do not receive a copy at your home or if you need additional copies, please visit Lakota's Central Office or any school's main office. Copies are also available at the administration buildings for

ON THE RADAR

Announcements & Opportunities

Update Your Lakota Communication Preferences

Lakota Local Schools uses a comprehensive mass notification system, SchoolMessenger, for delivering important school- and district-wide messages via email, phone and text message. SchoolMessenger provides parents, guardians and staff with a convenient way to manage their preferences for receiving weather-related, emergency and general notifications from Lakota and its schools.

The system integrates with current student and staff data, automatically updating your account to receive communications based on your current school(s) and/or grade level. Log into your account today to review and modify your preferences for receiving Lakota news.

If you are the official parent or guardian of a current Lakota student, [please log into SchoolMessenger](#) to make sure the phone numbers and email addresses being automatically pulled from Home Access Center are up-to-date and linked with the types of communications you wish to receive. For your username, please use the primary email address associated with your personal Home Access Center account.

If you are a current employee with a valid Lakota email address, [please log into SchoolMessenger](#) to set your communication preferences, and add at least one phone number, for receiving staff-related district and school communications. For your username, please use your Lakota email address to access your staff account.

Important note: If you are also a Lakota parent/guardian, you will need to access a separate account for parent-directed communications tied to your

both West Chester and Liberty townships, as well as the West Chester MidPointe Library.

This issue gives an overview of all the new and exciting things in store for the 2018-19 school year, including important updates on safety and security, as well as the rollout of all-day kindergarten, daily specials, and the new 1:1 technology model and Innovation Hubs at our junior schools. This issue also shares information about Lakota’s new CommUnity University, Ice Cream Social for new families and the ever-popular first day photo contest coming up.

Junior Schools Roll Out Club Cards

To encourage more participation in after-school activities and help minimize cost, all four of Lakota’s junior schools are introducing a Club Card this year.

For \$50 each year, junior school students will be able to access up to eight clubs and activities, including: Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Yearbook, Art Club, Jazz Band and Drama Club or Show Choir (depending on the school’s option). Each school will also select two additional clubs to be among those covered by the card. Other PTO/PTA-sponsored activities will operate independent of the Club Card.

Check with your school’s main office for additional details about purchasing a card.

Save the Date: Ice Cream Social for New Families on Sept. 15

For families new to Lakota Schools this year, the district is offering an opportunity to meet other new families and get to know the Lakota community a little better.

The Lakota Outreach Diversity and Inclusion (LODI) department, along with the West Chester Liberty Chamber Alliance’s Leadership 21 class of 2018, invites all new families to its annual ice cream social on Saturday,

child’s school(s). For this account, you will need to adjust your HAC email address to be something different than your Lakota email.

If you are neither a parent nor an employee – or if you are and just wish to sign up for school communications outside of your immediate associations, please create another account through our [self sign-up portal](#).

[Click here for step-by-step instructions](#) on how you can sign up, view or change your communication preferences. For easy, on-the-go access for managing your account settings, download the “SchoolMessenger” mobile app from your app store.

Sept. 15 from 1-3 p.m. The gathering will take place at Heritage Early Childhood School, located at 5052 Hamilton-Mason Road in Liberty Township.

Attendees will be able to make connections with district leaders, families and community organizations to learn about what resources and opportunities exist, at their school and all around the district, to help students get off to a good start at Lakota. All family members are welcome to come and enjoy ice cream sundaes, games and activities. The host group, LODI, works within our schools to build stronger communities and increase parents' involvement in their child's education. [Click here to see a flyer about the event.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Event Spotlights

- Thursday, August 9
[Preschool Parent Orientation](#)
at Lakota West High School
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Monday-Wednesday, August 13-15
[Teacher Professional Development Days \(no school\)](#)
- Monday, August 13
[Career Readiness Academy Open House](#)
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 13
[Board of Education Meeting](#)
at Plains Junior Media Center
6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 14
[Open Houses \(ECS Grades 1-2\)](#)
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

LATEST E-FLYERS



What's New This Week?

As a reminder, E-Flyers is Lakota's way of distributing information about programs, classes, events and opportunities happening in our schools and around the community. Rather than sending flyers home with students, we are now posting all approved information on the E-Flyer page, making it easy for families to access all current opportunities. Here is a listing of all of the new district and community-sponsored flyers for this week.

District-Sponsored:

[Lakota East Soccer Mattress Sale \(Aug.12\)](#)

[District-Wide Ice Cream Social for New Lakota Families \(Sept.15\)](#)

Community-Sponsored Flyers:

[Free Dental Clinic at Lakota Hills Baptist Church \(Aug.31 - Sept.2\)](#)

- Tuesday, August 14
[Open Houses \(Elementary Grades 3-6\)](#)
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 15
[Open Houses \(Preschool\)](#)
Times vary; listed in welcome packet.
- Thursday, August 16
[Students' First Day \(Preschool, Grades 1-12\)](#)
- Thursday-Monday, August 16-20
[Kindergarten Phase-In Days](#)
- Thursday, August 16
[Student Fanfare at Hopewell Junior School](#)
at Hopewell Junior
7:10 - 7:25 a.m.
- Friday, August 17
[Student Fanfare at Adena Elementary](#)
at Adena Elementary
8:00 - 8:20 a.m.

**All Current
E-Flyers**

**See Full
Calendar**



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